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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent No. 5,855,666 of:
KAO ET AL.

Serial No. 08/773,677

Issue Date: JANUARY 5, 1999

Filing Date: DECEMBER 24, 1996

For: PROCESS FOR PREPARING
ENVIRONMENTALLY STABLE PRODUCTS BY
THE REMEDIATION OF CONTAMINATED
SEDIMENTS AND SOILS

Attorney Docket No.:
60246

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PETITION PURSUANT TO
37 CFR § 1.378(c)

The Petition filed on February 11, 2011, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.378(c) was dismissed on the grounds that the Petitioner did not otherwise meet the category of persons/entities listed in 37 CFR § 1.33(b).

The Petitions Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the dismissal decision in view of the liberal language of 37 CFR § 1.366(a) regarding the payment of maintenance fees in general which provides:

(a) The patentee may pay maintenance fees and any necessary surcharges, or any person or organization may pay maintenance fees and any necessary surcharges on behalf of a patentee. Authorization by the patentee need not be filed

in the Patent and Trademark Office to pay maintenance fees and any necessary surcharges on behalf of the patentee.

The Petitions Examiner is also respectfully requested to reconsider the dismissal decision in view of the language of 37 CFR § 1.378 that is specifically directed to patent reinstatement which provides:

(d) Any petition under this section must be signed by an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, or by the patentee, the assignee, or other party in interest.

In the alternative, enclosed herewith are the following documents:

1. A RENEWED PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR § 1.378(c)) executed by Walter Allen Hendricks.
2. A STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 3.73(B) which establishes that Walter Allen Hendricks is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that the petition for reconsideration fee in the amount \$400 be waived. If it is determined that the fee is required, or if any other fee is required, authorization is given to charge Deposit Account No. 01-0484.

Respectfully submitted,



CHRISTOPHER F. REGAN
Reg. No. 34,906

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| RENEWED PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378 (c)) | Docket Number (Optional) 60246 |
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Patent No. 5,855,666 Application Number 08/773,677
Issue Date 01-05-1999 Filing Date 12-24-1996

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.89(a))

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: VOLCANO GROUP LLCApplication No./Patent No.: 08/773,677 / 5,855,666Filed/Issue Date: 12-24-1996 / 01-05-1999Title: PROCESS FOR PREPARING ENVIRONMENTALLY STABLE PRODUCTS BY THE REMEDIATION OF CONTAMINATED SEDIMENTS AND SOILS

VOLCANO GROUP LLC

, a limited liability corporation

(Name of Assignee)

(Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

1. ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in;
2. ☐ an assignee of less than the entire right, title, and interest in (The extent (by percentage) of its ownership interest is _____ %); or
3. ☐ the assignee of an undivided interest in the entirety of (a complete assignment from one of the joint inventors was made)

the patent application/patent identified above, by virtue of either:

- A. ☐ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. The assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel _____, Frame _____, or for which a copy therefore is attached.

OR

- B. ☒ A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application/patent identified above, to the current assignee as follows:

1. From: KAO ET AL.To: CEMENT-LOCK, L.L.C.

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2. From: CEMENT-LOCK, L.L.C.To: CEMENT-LOCK GROUP, L.L.C.

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3. From: CEMENT-LOCK GROUP, L.L.C.To: VOLCANO GROUP LLC

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or for which a copy thereof is attached.

- ☐ Additional documents in the chain of title are listed on a supplemental sheet(s).

- ☒ As required by 37 CFR 3.73(b)(1)(i), the documentary evidence of the chain of title from the original owner to the assignee was, or concurrently is being, submitted for recordation pursuant to 37 CFR 3.11.

[NOTE: A separate copy (i.e., a true copy of the original assignment document(s)) must be submitted to Assignment Division in accordance with 37 CFR Part 2, to record the assignment in the records of the USPTO. See MPEP 302.08]

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

Signature

WALTER ALLEN HENDRICKS

Printed or Typed Name

President/Managing Member

Title

May 12, 2011
Date

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1. SMALL ENTITY

☒ Patentee claims, or has previously claimed, small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

2. LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

☐ Patentee is no longer entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)

3. MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))

The appropriate maintenance fee must be submitted with this petition, unless it was paid earlier.

| NOT Small Entity | | | Small Entity | | |
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| Amount | Fee | (Code) | Amount | Fee | (Code) |
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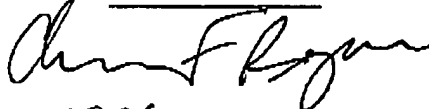
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SURCHARGE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 1640

5. MANNER OF PAYMENT

☐ Enclosed is a check for the sum of \$ _____☒ the sum of \$ 3695 (paid 2/11/11)☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

6. AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ANY FEE DEFICIENCY

☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any maintenance fee, surcharge or petition deficiency to Deposit Account No. 01-0484


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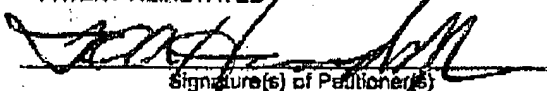
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8. STATEMENT

The delay in payment of the maintenance fee to this patent was unintentional.

9. PETITIONER(S) REQUEST THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED


Signature(s) of Petitioner(s)May 12, 2011
Date

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37 CFR 1.378(d) states: "Any petition under this section must be signed by an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, or by the patentee, the assignee, or other party in interest."

ENCLOSURES

- ☐ Maintenance Fee Payment
- ☐ Surcharge under 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2) (fee for filing the maintenance fee petition)
- ☒ Maintenance fee payment and surcharge totaling \$3,695 were previously submitted on 2/11/11.
- Any additional fees may be charged to Deposit Account 01-0484. Christopher F. Regan, 34906

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